

Jackson Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Jackson	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	19.8%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	27.0%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	5.4%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$8,193	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	94.2%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	4.7%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	15.0	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	90.5%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	75.8%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	9.1%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	22.5%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	324.7	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	136.4	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	12.4*	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	389.1	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	350.2	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	13.7	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	3.1	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 8	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	25.7%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI >30 (adults 20+)	28.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	72.5%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	80.4%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	61.5%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United State, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EM S/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Jackson Parish, named after president Andrew Jackson, was created on February 27, 1845. It was formerly part of Claiborne Parish, which had in turn been part of the large Natchitoches Territory. The section was first settled by Spanish in 1776. One of the most beautiful spots in Jackson Parish is Caney Lake with its fishing, hunting, water sports, and a portion set aside as a wildlife refuge. The parish's annual Christmas Parade, occurring the first Saturday after Thanksgiving, heralds the onset of the Christmas season. This celebration, called Wonderland in the Pines, features more than five million lights and continues through January 1st. The Jackson Heritage Museum of Fine Arts features artisan works and crafts. Several historical landmarks, including the Simms-Ellis House and the Clay-Wilder Home, highlight the parish's history and culture.



Parish Seat³ Jonesboro

Major Cities (population over 5,000)
N/A

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	15,397
2003 (estimate)	15,259
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	71.0%
African-American	27.9%
Some other race.....	1.1%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	0.6%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	6.5%
5-14	14.0%
15-17	4.8%
18-19	3.0%
20-24	6.3%
25-64	49.3%
65 & over	16.2%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	215ft.
Land area in square miles	570
Water area in square miles	10.4

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	64°
January	54°
July	92°
Annual average rainfall	54 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

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Civilian.....	5,817
Employed	5,386
Unemployed.....	431
Unemployment.....	7.4%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- University of Louisiana at Monroe
- Louisiana Tech University
- Grambling State University

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2. Louisiana Office of Culture Recreation and Tourism, 1998. keywords: regional information, <<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
3. Louisiana Department of Economic Development, 1999. Louisiana Overview. Keyword: overview, <<http://www.lded.state.la.us>>.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary <http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.